(c) the reaction of the environmentalists/Central Pollution Control Borad and Medical Institutions to the same in terms of difficulties experienced in execution of new standards/guidelines; and

(d) the present status of the proposal and the time by which the guidelines are likely to be finalised in consultation with the concerned agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) Government have notified the draft Bio-Medical Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 1995 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for information of the public and concerned agencies likely to be affected, inviting objections. The final notifications is required to be issued after considering the comments received.

(b) to (d). Does not arise.

Cold Storage Facilities

1538. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to set up more cold storage facilities in the country to preserve the perishable commodities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) has entrusted to set up the cold storages; and

(d) if so, the number of cold storages proposed to be set up by the CWC during Eighth Five Year Plan, State/Union Territory-wise?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) and (b). National Horticulture Board (NHB) and National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) under the Ministry of Agriculture set up cold storages for perishable commodities. While NHB sets up cold storages for horticulture produce by way of providing soft loan, NCDC provides financial assistance to States Governments for establishment of cold storages by cooperative societies for storage of potatoes, fruits and other vegetables. During the VIII Plan, NCDC has a target of organising 27 cold storages in the cooperative sector. The NHB have sanctioned 59 cold storages during 1993-94 to 1995-96 in various States.

(c) and (d). No Sir. CWC has not been entrusted with the task to set up cold storage at any place.

Deployment of Para Military Forces in Andhra Pradesh

1539. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh has requested the Union Government to deploy more para-military forces to restrict the activities of naxelites in the North Telengana district;

(b) if so, whether the Chief Secretary of the State has sent a letter to re-deploy 20 companies of the para-military forces earlier withdrawn from the Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the total demand of the State Government for the security personnel from the Union Government;

(d) the total companies of the para-military forces deployed at present in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) the companies to be provided to Andhra Pradesh along with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (e). No request for additional Central Para military Forces has been received from State Government of Andhra Pradesh in recent past. 23 coys. of CRPF are presently deployed in Andhra Pradesh. Due to commitments of CPMFs in J & K and North East, it is not possible to provide additional forces to Andhra Pradesh at present.

SCs/STs/OBCs/Women Population in Rajasthan

1540. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the total population of Rajasthan as per the 1991 census and the percentage of Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribes/other Backward Class and Women population of the total population in the State;

(b) the steps taken as per the provisions made in the Constitution to provide them reservations in jobs as well as in the political, Social and academic fields;

(c) whether of OBC people have been identified in the State; and

(d) if so, the list thereof alongwith the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes lists?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) There is no data available in respect of population of Other Backward Class. The Population figures as per 1991 Census in respect of SCs/STs and Women are given below :

Total Population	No. of SCs	% of SCs to the total	No. of STs	% of STs to the total
(i) All 44005990	7607820	17.29	5474881	12.44
(ii) Women 23043000	3600600	15.62	2637867	11.45

(b) As per the provisions of the Constitution, the following steps have been taken to provide reservations